1 CLAIMS

2 The invention claimed is:

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- 1. 3 An improved laryngoscope of the type having a stationary handle, a 4 stationary blade having a proximal end from which it extends 5 generally normally forwardly from the stationary handle and a distal 6 end, a tip pivotally attached to the distal end of the stationary 7 blade, a movable handle pivotally attached to the proximal end of 8 the stationary blade and operatively connected to the tip, and an 9 arm operatively attached to the movable handle and the tip and pivoting the tip downwardly when the movable handle is moved towards 10 11 the stationary handle depressing the epiglottis, said improvement 12 comprising:
 - a) a movable blade; and
 - b) said movable blade being pivotally attached to the stationary blade and affixed to the movable handle for movement therewith so as to allow said movable blade to pivot away from the stationary blade when the movable handle is moved towards the stationary handle for spreading the posterior tissue defining the superior opening of the larynx away from the epiglottis simultaneously as the tip depresses the epiglottis and both thereby opening up the trachea exposing the larynx.
- 22 2. The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim 1, wherein said improvement comprises a lock.
- 24 3. The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim 2, wherein said improvement comprises said lock locking said movable blade in a desired position by locking the movable handle affixed thereto.

4. 1 The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim 2, wherein said 2 improvement comprises: 3 said lock including the movable handle having a distal end 4 with a through bore therethrough; and said through bore through the distal end of the movable handle 5 b) 6 defined by a boundary. 7 5. The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim 4, wherein said 8 improvement comprises said lock including the stationary handle 9 having a distal end from which extends, at a spring end, a strip. The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim 5, wherein said 10 6. 11 improvement comprises said strip of said lock passing selectively 12 lockingly through said through bore in the distal end of the movable 13 handle of said lock. 14 7. The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim 5, wherein said 15 improvement comprises: 16 a) said strip of said lock being arcuate; 17 said strip of said lock having a ratchet surface; and b) 18 c) said ratchet surface of said strip of said lock selectively 19 engaging said boundary of said through bore through the distal 20 end of the movable handle. 21 8. The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim 1, wherein said 22 improvement comprises: 23 the movable handle having a proximal end; a) 24 b) said movable blade having a proximal end; and 25 c) the movable handle having a connector.

- 9. The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim 8, wherein said improvement comprises said connector of the movable handle extending fixedly from said proximal end of the movable handle fixedly to said proximal end of said movable blade so as to allow said movable blade to move with the movable handle.
- The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim 1, wherein said improvement comprises said movable blade extending substantially over the stationary blade plus the tip.
- 9 11. The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim 8, wherein said 10 improvement comprises said movable blade extending flat from said 11 proximal end of said movable blade.
- 12. The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim 8, wherein said improvement comprises said movable blade extending horizontally from said proximal end of said movable blade.
- 15 13. The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim 8, wherein said improvement comprises said proximal end of said movable blade being flat.
- 18 14. The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim 8, wherein said improvement comprises said proximal end of said movable blade being vertical.
- 21 15. The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim 8, wherein said 22 improvement comprises said connector of the movable handle being 23 generally L-shaped.

- 1 16. The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim 8, wherein said 2 improvement comprises said connector of the movable handle having:
- 3 a) a first portion; and
- 4 b) a second portion.
- The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim 16, wherein said improvement comprises said first portion of said connector of the movable handle fixedly and coplanarly abutting said proximal end of the movable handle.
- 9 18. The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim 17, wherein said 10 improvement comprises said second portion of said connector of the 11 movable handle extending normally rearwardly from said first portion of said connector of the movable handle.
- 19. The improved laryngoscope as defined in claim 17, wherein said improvement comprises said second portion of said connector of the movable handle being fixedly attached to said proximal end of said movable blade.
- 17 20. An improved laryngoscope of the type having a stationary handle, a 18 stationary blade having a proximal end from which it extends generally normally outwardly from the stationary handle and a distal 19 end, a tip pivotally attached to the distal end of the stationary 20 21 blade, a movable handle pivotally attached to the proximal end of 22 the stationary blade and operatively connected to the tip, and an 23 arm operatively attached to the movable handle and the tip and 24 pivoting the tip downwardly when the movable handle is moved towards 25 the stationary handle depressing the epiglottis, said improvement 26 comprising:
 - a) a movable blade:

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1	b)	said movable blade being pivotally attached to the stationary
2		blade and affixed to the movable handle for movement therewith
3		so as to allow said movable blade to pivot away from the
4		stationary blade when the movable handle is moved towards the
5		stationary handle for spreading the posterior tissue defining
6		the superior opening of the larynx away from the epiglottis
7		simultaneously as the tip depresses the epiglottis and both
8		thereby opening up the trachea exposing the larynx;
9	c)	a lock;
10	d)	said lock locking said movable blade in a desired position by
11	•	locking the movable handle affixed thereto;
12	e)	said lock including the movable handle having a distal end
13		with a through bore therethrough;
14	f)	said through bore through the distal end of the movable handle
15		defined by a boundary;
16	g)	said lock including the stationary handle having a distal end
17		from which extends, at a spring end, a strip;
18	h)	said strip of said lock passing selectively lockingly through
19		said through bore in the distal end of the movable handle of
20		said lock;
21	i)	said strip being arcuate;
22	j)	said strip of said lock having a ratchet surface;
23	k)	said ratchet surface of said strip of said lock selectively
24		engaging said boundary of said through bore through the distal
25		end of the movable handle;
26	1)	the movable handle having a proximal end;
27	m)	said movable blade having a proximal end;
28	n)	the movable handle having a connector;
29	0)	said connector of the movable handle extending fixedly from
30		said proximal end of the movable handle fixedly to said

1		proximal end of said movable blade so as to allow said movable
2		blade to move with the movable handle;
3	p)	said movable blade extending substantially over the stationary
4		blade plus the tip;
5	(p	said movable blade extending flat from said proximal end of
6		said movable blade;
7	r)	said movable blade extending horizontally from said proximal
8		end of said movable blade;
9	s)	said proximal end of said movable blade being flat;
10	t)	said proximal end of said movable blade being vertical;
11	u)	said connector of the movable handle being generally L-shaped;
12	v)	said connector of the movable handle having:
13		i) a first portion; and
14		ii) a second portion;
15	W)	said first portion of said connector of the movable handle
16		fixedly and coplanarly abutting said proximal end of the
17		movable handle;
18	(X)	said second portion of said connector of the movable handle
19		extending normally rearwardly from said first portion of said
20		connector of the movable handle; and
21	y)	said second portion of said connector of the movable handle
22		being fixedly attached to said proximal end of said movable
23		blade.